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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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"God So Loved..."

By Missionary Norman Lewis
Casilla de Correo 2689, Buenos Aires, Argentina

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him, should not perish but have everlasting life."—John 3:16.

This is the most famous text in the Bible. Its theme is God's love. If there is one fact the world needs to know it is this.

The other day a bright, eight-year-old lad went out to buy the morning paper for his dad and was struck down and killed by an electric train two blocks from my home. Where can those bereaved parents turn for help?

Two weeks ago I was talking to a garage man, and asked him how many children he had. "We had three," he said.

"You had three?"
"Yes," he added, "less than a month ago I buried my four-year-old boy who was named for me."

Only parents who have travelled that way of pain know what such experiences mean. Our text shows a suffering God. His love is not an empty thing. Because God Himself has suffered, He is able to help those who suffer.

When word reached a father that his brilliant son had just been killed in a railway accident, he turned to his pastor with the desperate cry, "Tell me, sir, where was God when my son was killed?"

Back came the answer, "My friend, God was just where He was when His own son was killed."

Are you suffering? Remember, God's love for a lost world caused Him abysses of agony and oceans of pain. All this is in our text. Probably that is why thousands of persons through this text have come to a personal knowledge of God. "God so loved"—where can a weary soul find such a pillow?



Rev. Norman Lewis

How else can a sinning world hope to find salvation?

A life without love is empty. It is like a house without inhabitants, a place where joy cannot dwell. But if a man comprehends the meaning of "God so loved," he has found a power that can change his life. Love works miracles.

A businessman crossed by ferry to New York each day. One day he spoke kindly to a bootblack who was shining his shoes. From then on he noticed that whenever the boy saw him he would wistfully approach and without expecting any reward would brush off his clothing and help with his bundles. One (Continued on page 6)

The Place of Prayer in Evangelism

By Rev. R. A. Torrey, D. D.,

Late Evangelist, written when Dean of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, during first World War

The most important human factor in effective evangelism is PRAYER. Every great awakening in the history of the church from the time of the apostles until today has been the result of prayer. There have been great awakenings without much preaching, and there have been great awakenings with absolutely no organization, but there has never been a true awakening without much prayer.

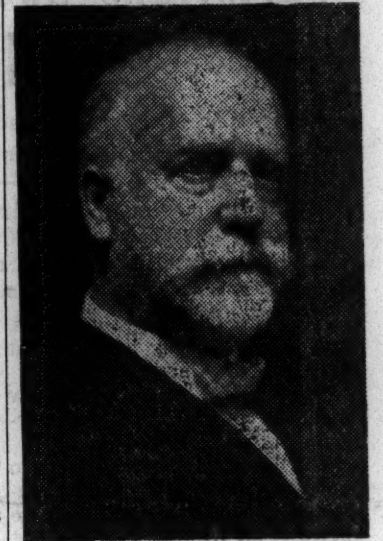
The first great ingathering in human history had its origin, on the human side, in a ten days' prayer meeting. We read of the small company of early disciples: "These all with one accord continued steadfastly in prayer" (Acts 1:14). The result of that ten days' prayer meeting is recorded in the second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles: "They were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance" (2:4), and "there were added unto them in that day about three thousand souls" (2:41). That awakening proved real and permanent; those who were gathered in on that greatest day in all Christian history "continued steadfastly in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers" (2:42). "And the Lord added to them day by day those that were being saved" (2:47).

Every great awakening from that day to this has had its earthly origin in prayer. "The Great Awakening" in the 18th century, in which Jonathan Edwards was one of the central figures, began with his famous "Call to Prayer." The work of David Brainerd among the North American Indians, one of the most marvelous works in all history, had its origin in the days and nights that Brainerd spent before God in prayer for an endowment of power from on high for this work.

canal boat, jumped aboard to have a little conversation with me, intending to ride but a little way and return. He, however, became interested in conversation, and upon finding where I was going, he made up his mind to keep on and go with me to Rochester. We had been there but a few days when this minister became so convicted that he could not help weeping aloud at one time as he passed along the street. The Lord gave him a powerful spirit of prayer, and his heart was broken. As he and I prayed together, I was struck with his faith in regard to what the Lord was going to do there. I recollect he would say, 'Lord, I do not know how it is; but I seem to know that Thou art going to do a great work in this city.' The spirit of prayer was poured out powerfully, so much so, that some persons stayed away from the public services to pray, being unable to re-

strain their feelings under preaching.

"And here I must introduce the name of a man, whom I shall have occasion to mention frequently, Mr. Abel Clary. He was the son of a very excellent man and an elder of the church where I was converted. He was converted in the same revival in which I was. He had been licensed to preach; but his spirit of prayer was such—he was so burdened with the souls of men—that he was not able (Continued on page 4)



Rev. R. A. Torrey

More Letter Month Letters

Additional letters quoted. Another call for all who want to get free chorus book.

By Charles T. Lampman, Managing Editor

During the past weeks thousands of letters have been delivered to the SWORD OF THE LORD offices. Many hundreds of them tell of salvation, comfort and blessings received through THE SWORD and other publications distributed by the Sword of the Lord Publishers. It is not too late for those who have not already written to do so. If you haven't written before we advise you to do so now. And don't forget to ask for your free chorus book.

From the letters already received we have selected the following to share with our thousands of reader friends.

An Alcoholic Saved and Cured

"Some time ago, I received some literature and pamphlets from the Christian Tract Band. Among them was one by you entitled, 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?' It is powerful, also a little booklet called the Travelers Guide. They are both wonderful little books. They have shown me the way of salvation, for which I can never thank those people enough, but I know God will certainly bless them and you. I thank you with all my heart and remember you in my prayers.

"I was a heavy drinker for about 30 years, and tried many times to quit it by myself, but could not. I had just about given up hope of ever quitting when I got those pamphlets. That was about the first of January this year. After reading those books and thinking of my own helplessness and how simple was God's plan, a wonderful feeling came over me and is still with me. I know I am cured of the curse of liquor, and what wonderful peace."

HARRY G. JEFFREY
Kenora, Ont., Can.

Thirteen Won by Sword Sermon

"I find THE SWORD OF THE LORD a great personal blessing and a decided stimulant in my ministry.

The reading of these great sermons by great men has repeatedly been the starting point for better and more powerful sermons in my own ministry. For instance, last week I read 'Billy Graham on Hell' and was stirred by the sermon and felt led to prepare my own sermon on the same subject using the same scriptures used by Billy Graham, but developing the subject in my own way. Last night when I preached the message thirteen persons formerly Roman Catholics, responded to the invitation to accept Christ as Saviour, and were carefully dealt with. We give God thanks and praise for His working in these hearts, and trust Him to keep that which has been committed unto Him."

RALPH O. HINE.
Honda, Tolima,
Columbia, S. A.

Tested by Two-Party Taboo

"In response to your Letter Month invitation I'm writing the following experience in connection with your publication which I am sure will interest you, first to amuse you probably and then sorrow you.

"Recently I was at school in a well-known church college in the South which is liberal in all its teachings. Most of the students there are unaware of any other Christianity than the thing which (Continued on page 3)

THE EDITOR'S NOTES

By John R. Rice

It snowed all day on Easter Sunday on Grand Manan Island, New Brunswick, in the Bay of Fundy, where I am now in revival services. Yet we had a good day, with nine professions of faith through the day. Saturday night eighteen people came forward to claim the Saviour, though three or four of them had been won to Christ privately and came to make their profession public. At least half the crowd last night, it seemed, did not hold their hands as Christians. Many men are hearing the gospel who have never been converted. We trust God will give us a great breaking out of revival this week in which many of these lobster, scallop and herring fishermen will be saved.

We are scheduled to leave the Island by boat at 7:30 a. m. Monday morning, April 17, a two and one-half hour trip to the mainland. The boat derrick will lift my car from the dock into the after-dock and will unload it the same way. After we land at St. Andrews on the mainland, about twenty miles will bring us to the New Brunswick-Maine border and we will be in the United States again. God willing, we hope to drive to Albany, New York, where I shall take a plane to Evansville, Indiana, for my twelfth annual

week with the Evansville Rescue Mission where Dr. and Mrs. Reveal, the founders, have done such a blessed work for God. The lovely auditorium seats about 800 or 900; there is a daily radio broadcast and we trust many will be saved.

Meantime, Mrs. Rice and Miss Viola Walden will drive from Albany on back to Wheaton. Closing at Evansville April 23, I will have a few days at home to catch up on writing and business, and then go to a city-wide campaign at Clarksburg, West Virginia. Services will be held in the City Auditorium seating 2,500, I am told, and the work is sponsored by some thirty-two pastors and churches. We hope others will be enlisted. In reminding you again of this campaign, we earnestly plead for your prayers. God gives mighty revivals in answer to prevailing prayer.

Have You Written Your Letter for Letter Month?

It is a great joy to me to have Mr. Lampman as managing editor of THE SWORD OF THE LORD and assuming the principal responsibility for the promotion work. Naturally letter-month promotion has fallen into his capable and devoted hands. But I want every reader to know that the success of letter month is a deep burden to me. I should be grieved very deeply if we did not have tremendously more letters this year than last.

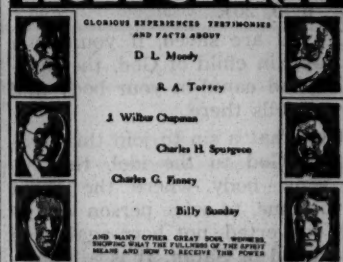
I hope you will write at once for a free copy of Ten Revival Choruses, principally new choruses, two of them written by my (Continued on page 5)

The Finney Revivals Grew Out of Prayer

In 1830 there was a revival in Rochester, New York, in which Charles G. Finney was the outstanding human agent. This revival spread throughout that region of the state and 100,000 persons were reported as having connected themselves with the churches as the result of this work. Mr. Finney himself attributed his success to the spirit of prayer which prevailed. He says in his autobiography:

"When I was on my way to Rochester, as we passed through a village some thirty miles east of Rochester, a brother minister whom I knew, seeing me on the

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Christians Should Not Marry Unbelievers

[Second in a Series of radio Messages on the Home]

By Evangelist John R. Rice, Editor

I reminded you in the first message on the home that there were in 1947 some 471,000 divorces. In many communities in America there are as many divorces in a year's time as there are marriage licenses granted.

Unless we clean up our homes, what can America expect but the wrath of Almighty God?

I read to you again in Matthew 19 what Jesus said about marriage:

"The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause? And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder" (vss. 3-6).

I will not go into the teaching of the Bible on divorce in this message; I am talking about marriage, its importance and permanence.

In Genesis, the Scripture tells us that "it is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him" (Gen. 2:18). Then in Genesis 2:23, 24, we read:

"And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh."

God's plan, then, for a home is that it is the oldest and most important of all Christian institutions. The most important relationship between human beings on this earth is the relationship of marriage and the home. God wants Christian people, particularly, to be right on this question of the home.

As I travel all over America, I often have people sing the old song, "Home, Sweet Home." My heart gets so hungry for my fam-

ily. I am shocked and surprised to find most people have forgotten that song and do not know the words, do not sing it. It is not as dear, not as precious as it should be or as it once was in America.

Get God's Leading Before Marriage

Now, the Bible makes it clear that marriage is so important that one must have God's help in it. God presided at the first marriage. And Jesus showed His interest in marriage in the second chapter of John when He went to the marriage of Cana in Galilee.

He said that a man and a woman are to be made one flesh. There is to be such a merging of their interests and of their hearts, such a merging of their lives, that they are called "of one flesh." They are to unite their daily plans and their dreams and their joys and their sorrows. It should be so that even the blood of the wife and of the husband is mingled in their offsprings. God intends that marriage shall be holy, sacred and permanent, to last until death parts.

Anybody, who then, goes wrecklessly into marriage is foolish. I am reminded of when my father stood by me at my wedding twenty-seven years ago last September. My sweetheart and I had been engaged for four years. Both of us were Christians. We entered with a great deal of prayer into the holy bonds of matrimony. My father stood near me. Later, after the wedding, I laughed at him and said, "Why, Dad, you were more scared than I. Your face was gray and you trembled!"

"Son, when you have been married as long as I have, you'll be worse scared, too."

Anybody who enters into marriage without a deep sense of the holiness of it, the importance of it, the danger of it, the holy responsibility and accountability to God that is involved in marriage—I say, anyone who so foolishly and wickedly enters lightly into marriage commits a grievous sin, sows dragon teeth of trouble and is about certain to have heart-break and ruin in his own life.

Marriage is not light; marriage is not a joke. Marriage is not for the quick decision of somebody who has not considered it very much. Marriage is a holy matter. Anybody who goes into marriage without having God's help, without

earnestly praying for God's leading, sins grievously against God.

In the days when I faced this all-important matter of marriage for myself, when I loved the dear girl who became my wife, I walked up and down a country road long hours in the night. I looked sometimes at the college dormitory window where her room was, and I asked God to make it sure, that there could be no doubt. I dared not enter into marriage without the blessing of God. Thank God, I took it seriously and prayed for God's blessing.

How foolish and how wicked it is to marry lightly. Those who marry in haste do often repent at leisure, it is true.

The Unequal Yoke a Sin

Now, if a Christian is to marry right, a Christian must marry a Christian. In II Corinthians 6 are these plain and striking statements in the Word of God:

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty" (vss. 14-18).

Here God says that one vital fact about a Christian that no one ought ever to forget: the Spirit of God dwells in his body. He doesn't belong to himself any more.

People talk about church houses and temples of God. The only real temples of God in this world are the bodies of born-again Christians, not church houses. A Christian has the Spirit of God dwelling in his body. "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" (I Cor. 6:19, 20).

If you are saved, if you are a born-again child of God, the Spirit of God came in your body and now dwells there.

Oh, what a sin to join this temple of God to the idol, that is, to some body where the Devil is supreme, to some person who is not converted, not born-again. He is a child of Satan. It is a believer yoked with an unbeliever. It is light yoked up with darkness. It is righteousness yoked with unrighteousness. You can say what you will, but one who will not take

Christ as Saviour, one who rejects the dear Lord Jesus who died for sinners, one who does not let Christ come into the heart to forgive and cleanse, is guilty of the wickedest of all sins.

You wouldn't want to marry a murderer. Why would you want to marry one who crucifies afresh the Son of God? You wouldn't want to marry one who has been guilty of other terrible sins. But the crime of all crimes is rebellion and treason against the God who made man, against the Saviour who died for sinners. If a Christian marries an unsaved person, he is looking for trouble.

Years ago I was in a little town north of Fort Worth, at Rome, Texas, in revival services. I preached one night on, "Be Ye Not Unequally Yoked Together With Unbelievers." The next night a woman came and said, "I wasn't here, last night, but I heard what you preached about, and I don't believe it. I don't believe you're right!"

I said, "Never mind whether you believe what I say or not; but did you read what the Scripture said?" With her looking on, I opened the Bible to this passage in II Corinthians 6: "Be ye not unequally yoked with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial?" I said, "The temple of God ought not to be yoked up with idols!"

She looked at the Scriptures and with tears running down her face, she said, "Oh, why didn't somebody tell me that fifteen years ago!"

Fifteen years she had been married; her fourteen-year-old boy was now following his ungodly father, turning down Christ, going on in sin, breaking his mother's heart. She cried, "Why didn't somebody tell me!"

I am trying to make sure that nobody says to me, "Why didn't you tell me the truth about this?" I am telling you the truth now. Marriage is so important, it is so holy, there is so much involved that a Christian who does not marry a Christian has no right to marry at all. A Christian who marries anybody who is unsaved is looking for trouble and will get it.

Some girl may say, "I'll marry this unsaved man, then I believe I can win him to Christ." But I remind you that you are going a-

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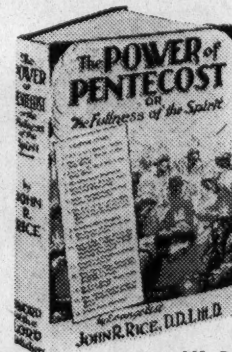
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gainst the plain statement of God. How could you expect God to help you to win him when you sinned in the beginning, when you broke God's Word, when you stubbornly, rebelliously went on to have your own way? You needn't tell me you are marrying him in order to win him. The thing is, you want him; so with an alibi that you are trying to please God when, in fact, you would deliberately disobey God, you go on and plunge yourself into sin, and your home that will be, will be a home of trouble. When Christians are yoked up with unbelievers, it is wrong!

I say, marriage is such that we cannot have God's best blessing unless to start with we have Him in the marriage. You will go on and make your own wild choices and cater to your own unholy desires, then when you make your own stubborn plans without God, you want God to bless your plans. Oh, if you want God to bless your home, then ask God to help you when you make your plans for marriage!

Remember, then, how serious is this matter of marriage and the home.

(Why not get the author's book on the Home, with much fuller discussion? There are 381 pages in this large clothbound book called, *Home: Courtship, Marriage and Children*, A Bible Manual on the Home with 22 large chapters for \$2.50).



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Revival Power for Sword Readers

Every Sword of the Lord reader, pastor and leader, every soul winner should read this great new book, *The Power of Pentecost, or The Fullness of the Spirit* by Evangelist John R. Rice, D.D., Litt.D. An exhaustive book of 441 pages, 15 great chapters. A Scriptural book; the clearest and most complete Bible study on this subject, in a generation. A factual book; it gives the Old Testament position of the great soul winners—Spurgeon, Moody, Torrey, Chapman, Scarborough; tells how mighty soul winners were filled with the Spirit. Quotes them. A heart-warming, moving book. Easy reading, it will create a deep hunger in your heart, will make the truth clear with pungent illustrations, will show the way to power.

DR. R. G. LEE, President, Southern Baptist Convention, says:

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DR. JOHN L. HILL, Nashville, says:

"In this volume of 441 pages Dr. Rice has given us the results of seventeen years of intensive study of 'The Fullness of the Spirit.' It therefore commends itself to thoughtful and serious readers and students. He believes that spiritual poverty is the weakness of modern Christians, that fullness of the Spirit is available for all who qualify; and he urges passionately that Christians seek possession of the Holy Spirit, regardless of the cost. We are particularly impressed with the tolerant and yet thoroughly scholarly manner with which Dr. Rice discusses 'Speaking With Tongues.'"

DR. T. LEONARD LEWIS, President, Gordon College, Boston, says:

"You have given a correct diagnosis of the impotency of the church today and have not only presented accurately the remedy, but you have made an impassioned plea to all Christians and to ministers in particular to be filled with the available power of the Holy Spirit so that we may be used by God in soul winning. The chapters I have read have stirred me deeply. I earnestly long for that fullness of the Spirit which is the sine qua non of effective service for Christ."

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By the Editors

One of the little known aspects of our ministry is the introduction of God-blessed evangelists to pastors and laymen's groups desiring to conduct revival services in their community. From time to time we hear from those to whom we have recommended evangelists. A few such letters are published below. We urge you to continue praying for these men as they minister the Word of God.

Ed Nelson a Blessing to Eureka, Calif. Church

This letter came from Claude Porter, pastor of the Grace Baptist Church, Eureka, California, who said:

"This letter is to thank you in Jesus' Name for sending Evangelist Ed Nelson to us. Our two week campaign closed last night. This is a very small church in an area that is a home mission field. Southern California has had much gospel effort, but this part of Northern California has been almost deserted for many years as far as the gospel is concerned.

"In spite of everything we had a blessed meeting. At least 12 souls came to Christ. The Christians here were encouraged and set aflame for Christ. Families—one in particular—were made right, maybe saved from being broken, and family altars were begun. The church was given a vision of the needs of foreign missions which will bear fruit till Jesus comes.

"Dr. Rice, from my heart I want to say that you may recommend Ed Nelson without any qualification. I have never had a man who was such a blessing to my own life and home. His prayer life is wonderful. He impressed upon all of us the need for more and still more prayer. His boldness and zeal for the Lord and his yearning over lost souls made me long for a greater burden in my own heart. Dr. Rice, I do not say these things just to be nice and polite. God is using Ed Nelson and we praise God for allowing us to know him for these two weeks. Thank you again for putting us in touch with him."

Eddie Wagner Worked Under Poor Conditions

This letter came from William E. Howard, pastor of the Talma Christian Church, Rochester, Indiana. He wrote:

"Just a few months ago I wrote to you asking for the address of Evangelist Eddie Wagner, praying that we might be able to get him for a revival meeting here in Talma, Indiana; and, praise the Lord, we were able to get him for just the weeks we had planned on.

"Our meeting was so full of unusual happenings that it is hard to find a place to begin. We had rain, we had snow, we had mud in fact I sincerely believe that Nature threw the whole book at us. Our people had prayed a number of times, 'Lord, give us the right kind of weather for the Revival.' I believe He did! Brother Wagner started with us Sunday morning; he brought a wonderful message; the people were well pleased; Sunday night our brother again brought a heart searching message from God's Word, and the Lord blessed with souls. It snowed all night, bitter cold weather, electric wires were down, phones out of order, church bell frozen so it would hardly ring; but, we had services with the aid of candles and oil lamps—lights don't bother Brother Wagner a bit. He knows his message and his Bible.

"After the meeting had closed the records showed 14 saved in the church, 39 at the school, two men gave up smoking, and the congregation is walking closer to our wonderful Lord.

"Brother Rice, I'll always feel free to write to you for an evangelist, or recommend your judgment to others. And I might add,



Clifton W. Brannon

THE SWORD OF THE LORD is a real blessing to my family and me."

Evangelist Melton Reaps in Tennessee Field

Still another letter telling of God's blessing on our evangelist friends came from Calvin H. Garner, pastor of McLean Baptist Chapel, Memphis, Tennessee, who says:

"Sunday night, March 19, 1950, we closed our revival. J. H. Melton was our evangelist. As you know Evangelist Melton is on your evangelistic staff and is indeed a very spiritual preacher of the Gospel.

"Our church is only 17 months old. During our revival the Lord blessed us wonderfully, and I am sure its fruits will be visible for a long time. We had 28 additions. One young high school boy surrendered to the ministry and a high school girl surrendered for special service. Twenty of these 28 came for baptism.

"I would recommend Evangelist Melton as a man who loves the Lord, seeks to give the Lord all the credit and honor, a sound preacher of the gospel of Christ, and a man who is truly being used."

Conservative Baptist Reports Revival Blessing

Rev. Albert S. Taylor, of Lycoming Hotel, Williamsport, Pennsylvania, a representative of The Conservative Baptist Association of America, has recently had a blessed revival in Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania, in the First Baptist Church with fifteen saved.

Your Editor Commends Dr. Jacob Gartenhaus

It is the editor's privilege to serve as Illinois representative on the Directors' and Advisory Board of the International Board of Jewish Missions, Inc., of which Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus, D.D., Litt.D., P. O. Box 1256, Atlanta 1, Georgia, is the founder and president. I have known Dr. Gartenhaus for many, many years; more than a quarter of a century. For long years he worked as the director of the Jewish Department of the Home Mission Board of Southern Baptists. A truly converted, honest, spiritual, experienced missionary leader, Dr. Gartenhaus is genuinely worthy of trust. A noble group of good men, strong Christian leaders are on his board. I have just received a detailed report of the financial affairs of this International Board of Jewish Missions, Inc. The salaries and expenses are exceedingly moderate, the books are in careful order as well attested by the certified accountant's report. I

The Place of Prayer

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to preach much, his whole time and strength being given to prayer. The burden of his soul would frequently be so great that he was unable to stand, and he would writhe and groan in agony. I was well acquainted with him, and knew something of the wonderful spirit of prayer that was upon him. He was a very silent man, as almost all are who have that powerful spirit of prayer.

"The first I knew of his being in Rochester, a gentleman who lived about a mile west of the city called on me one day, and asked me if I knew a Mr. Abel Clary, a minister, and I told him that I knew him well. 'Well,' said he, 'he is at my house, and has been there for some time, and I don't know what to think of him.' I said, 'I have not seen him at any of our meetings.' 'No,' he replied,

gladly commend this work. Dr. Gartenhaus is statesman-like, devoted, spiritual. He actually wins Jews to Christ. He is brotherly and unselfish. Those who wish further literature on this matter or who wish to send help may write the address above.

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"Catholic Doctrine In The Bible"

The above is the title of a paperback book or pamphlet of ninety-one pages by Rev. Samuel D. Benedict, late bishop of the Evangelical Catholic Church. It is published by the National Christian Association, 850 West Madison Street, Chicago 7, Illinois.

I have read this pamphlet with great interest. It really answers Catholic doctrine from the Bible in kindness, and with a constant appeal to the Word of God itself as the source of all light and truth. The chapters are: 1. The Church and St. Peter; 2. Infallibility of the Pope; 3. Transubstantiation; 4. Sacrifice in the Mass; 5. Purgatory; 6. Prayers for the Dead; 7. The Blessed Mary; 8. The Crucifix and Other Images; 9. Confession; 10. Salvation; 11. The Bible and Tradition; 12. Catholic or Roman.

With one or two minor details one might not agree, but here is some of the best evidence that we have ever seen, that Peter was never in Rome, that the infallibility of the Pope is an unbelievable doctrine only recently accepted even by Catholics, that the changing of bread and wine into the actual body and blood of Christ is preposterous, that the sacrifice of the mass is clearly forbidden in the Scriptures, that Mary was simply a good woman, not immaculately conceived and not bodily transferred to Heaven as Catholics believe and not the mother of God.

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'he cannot go to meetings, he says. He prays nearly all the time day and night, and in such an agony of mind that I do not know what to make of it. Sometimes he cannot even stand on his knees, but will lie prostrate on the floor, and groan and pray in a manner that quite astonishes me.' I said to the brother, 'I understand it; please keep still. It will come out all right; he will surely prevail.'

"I knew at the time a considerable number of men who were exercised in the same way. A Deacon P_____ of Camden, Oneida County; a Deacon T_____ of Adams, in the same country; this Mr. Clary, and many others among the men, and a large number of women partook of the same spirit, and spent a great part of their time in prayer. Father Nash, as we called him, who in several of my fields of labor came to me and aided me, was another of those men that had such a powerful spirit of prevailing prayer. This Mr. Clary continued in Rochester as long as I did, and did not leave it until after I had left. He never, that I could learn, appeared in public, but gave himself wholly to prayer."

The Revival of 1857 Grew From A Noon Prayer Meeting in New York

Perhaps the most remarkable awakening ever known in the U-

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The Editor's Notes

(Continued from page 1) brother, Bill Rice, and the rest written—words and music—by me. We should like for you to have it. Thousands of others will buy the chorus book, but you may have it absolutely free for the asking during letter month. Ten Revival Choruses include the greatly-loved and lilting chorus, "Sing As You Ride," by Brother Bill; my choruses, "Souls Are Dying," "Come, Holy Spirit," and others. And with each chorus is a page of comment intended to bless your heart and make the chorus mean much more. I think you will treasure your copy. Write for it today, please.

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Welcome To Lake Arrowhead!

By Rev. Paul Griffis

Director, Lake Arrowhead Conference Ground



An interesting view of beautiful, spring-fed Lake Arrowhead

We of the Lake Arrowhead Bible Conference are looking forward with great anticipation to our first SWORD OF THE LORD Conference June 25 - July 2. We are frank to admit that we believe this will be the biggest and the best conference we have ever had. Dr. John Rice, Evangelist Bill Rice and Dr. Harry Clarke will all be with us for these days and that alone is enough to assure us of an abundantly successful Bible conference.

The readers of THE SWORD OF THE LORD will agree without question, I am sure, that Dr. John R. Rice is the best Bible teacher—preacher of our day. His depth of spiritual insight into the great fundamental doctrines of our Christian faith and experience, coupled with his fervent evangelistic spirit, supremely qualify him to be the foremost figure in evangelism in the world.

Evangelist Bill Rice and his musical director, Dr. Harry Clarke, have won a place of lasting affection in the hearts of folks across the nation. They have held many successful evangelistic campaigns in the vicinity of Lake Arrowhead and thousands of their friends will want to attend this conference. They are continually asked back to the same churches for meetings and this is the best recommendation they could have. Bill is "John's younger brother," and while he enjoys the distinction, he doesn't depend upon it. His background of experience in the "old West" and his straightforward, winsome, yet powerful manner of "speaking the truth in love," have won for him his own high place in the field of evangelism.

Dr. Harry Clarke is beloved by the multitudes who have attended his meetings. He is a musician, song-leader, soloist and a preacher, too. Warm, radiant, "wholesome," he doesn't have to prime folks to make them sing. They just can't help but sing in his presence. He will direct the music and arrange the musical programs with members of the conference staff.

Can you think of a better team to lead a conference for evangelism? We couldn't, and we are delighted to have them.

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This year Dr. John R. Rice, Dr. Harry D. Clarke and I will conduct a conference on evangelism at beautiful Lake Arrowhead in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Pennsylvania. Rev. Paul Griffis, widely-known pastor of The Little White Church of Conklin, New York, is the able director of this up-and-coming conference ground.

We feel honored to open this season's conferences, and here and now invite you to plan to meet us at Lake Arrowhead, June 25 through July 2.

A hearty invitation from Brother Griffis follows.

BILL RICE
Associate Editor

made to "stretch" the figures for that big "opening" week.

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"Dear Dr. Rice:

"I want to take this opportunity to tell you how much your books and papers have meant to my ministry. I started preaching at the age of 15 in Jonesboro, Arkansas, 1932. While in Ft. Worth that fall I was privileged to have a lengthy talk with you on the subject of Christ's second coming. You patiently explained every detail to me and it has stuck with me through the years. I have preached it everywhere I have pastored or held revival meetings. What a blessing it has been to be able to tell people who were ignorant of Scripture truth of the 'Blessed Hope.'

"As the years went by, I lost track of you. Then one day, four years ago, I got one of your great papers and subscribed for it and also joined the Sword Book Club. My ministry has undergone a profound change as I have hungrily devoured this wonderful literature.

"I had no library before I joined the Sword Book Club. But now, thanks to you, I have some of the most wonderful books by some of our greatest Christian authors. It has been an added joy to start my young people to reading these books and to see their lives transformed. Some very consecrated and separated young people have been the result. Time would fail us to mention all that you have meant to me and mine, but, thank

appetite, we'll create one for you.

All the conference sessions are held in the Tabernacle. "The very finest in America" is the expression often heard around Lake Arrowhead Bible Conference concerning the splendid new tabernacle, and it doesn't come from local folks only, but from speakers and musicians also who have been around. The building is 140 feet long by 60 feet wide. The roof is supported by rillo rafters, so there are no posts to obstruct the view of the large platform. The floor slopes toward the front and comfortable, individual seats rest on an asphalt floor that is soft and quiet. It holds 1,200 people and we plan to crowd it out this week.

So—start planning now to spend a "Vacation with a Vision" with us at Lake Arrowhead, June 25-July 2.

The Lake Arrowhead Bible Conference is incorporated under the laws of New York as a non-profit religious organization. The director is the Rev. Paul Griffis, Pastor of the Little White Church of Conklin, New York, heard in "Songs at Sunrise" each morning over WBNF in Binghamton, New York and on a short-wave broadcast around the world over HCJB on Saturday nights.

Lake Arrowhead is nine miles from Binghamton, New York, on Route 167. The Erie Railroad, Lackawanna R.R. or Greyhound bus service reaches Binghamton, then free transportation to the Camp. Those arriving in Binghamton may go to the Christian Center at 182 Court Street or Call Bing. 4-9058 or Hawleyton 2-F-6.

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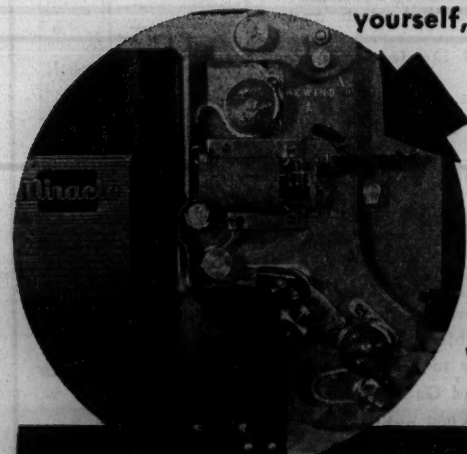
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"God So Loved..."

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day the man asked the lad the reason. "Why sir," he answered, "the first time you met me you called me 'my boy.' Till then I thought I was nobody's boy. I'll do anything for you."

Oh, the power of love! One of the tremendous things our text reveals is God's love.

For All Humanity.

God's love has no favorites. God loves the world. His love includes everybody and excludes nobody. There is no sinner too wretched, no moral leper too vile to be reached and saved by God's love. I think one of Heaven's attractions will be the folks from earth's farthest shores, and deepest jungles, and dirtiest slums, each with his testimony to the power of God's love. Years of eternity will hear an infinite variety played on that great theme as each saved sinner strikes a new chord in redemption's anthem.

Every school child remembers the story of the man who declared, "If I had a lever long enough, and a place to stand, I could move the world." My friend, the lever of God's love at the Cross lifted a lost world to Heaven's gate. It is the only power in the universe that could do the work, and thank God, it was able.

How great, and all-inclusive, is the love of God! No man can fathom its depths, or scale its heights. In its presence we are like the poor woman from the slums who one day took a trip to the seashore and looked for the very first time on the ocean. Tears came to her eyes and coursed down her cheeks. One standing by her asked why she was crying. "Oh," she said, "it is so wonderful to see something that there is enough of!" So with God's love, it is a limitless ocean. Enough for all of the world's deep need.

Another fact revealed by our text is that God's love is an

Unselfish Love.

Divine love did not seek to win man from his sinful rebelliousness because of anything he could do for God. What had lost man to offer Almighty God? The Creator says, "If I were hungry I would not tell thee: for the world is mine and the fulness thereof" (Psa. 50:12). All the giving was on God's side. God so loved that He gave. All the sacrifice was His.

When the S. S. *Athenia* was torpedoed on a Sunday night in September, 1939, in the North Atlantic, several lifeboats were left tossing about on the dark waters. In one lifeboat sat a mother with her little one on her knees. A heavy swell swept over the boat carrying the babe with it. Without hesitation, thinking only of her child, the mother sprang into the sea after it, but in the darkness and the swells they could not be found and both were lost. Such was that mother's love for her babe that she could do no other than sacrifice herself in an attempt to save it. And when we see that the love of God moved Him "to spare not His only son, but deliver Him for us all," we have some idea of that mighty love.

Perhaps that truest measure of love is its willingness to sacrifice. A statement made before parliament one day melted the British Empire to tears. The little son of Princess Alice was dying, and when the nurse notified the mother, she hurried to the bed, took the babe in her arms, and pressed to her heart the weak form growing slowly cold. The child asked for a kiss, and although the mother had been sternly warned by the surgeon to neither handle it, nor breathe its breath, she put kiss after kiss upon the dying lips, and Princess Alice and her babe were buried in the same grave—a sacrifice.

But divine love is not only unselfish and sacrificial. The Bible makes plain that

God Loved Us First.

"God so loved the world" that He paid the awful price to redeem us to Himself long before we had any thoughts of loving Him. The Apostle Paul puts it this way: "For when we were yet

without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. But God commendeth His love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:6,8).

There is religion abroad in the world that makes much of man's long search after God. But that religion finds no basis in the Bible. The Bible says, "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent His son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins" (I John 4:10).

I learned to swim in a Y.M.C.A. swimming pool with a gang of other boys. I had just learned to struggle across the pool when one day I had a collision with another boy. My feet went down, I choked, swallowed water, and quicker than I can tell it I was in a bad way. I thought I was done for, when suddenly my flailing hand clutched something firm, and in a moment's time I was drawn safe ashore. The moment my trouble began, a keen-eyed guard saw me and threw a life belt that fell just within reach of my clutching hand. Let us thank God that to every human, sinking in an ocean of sin, the love of God hurls a life belt. Sinner friend, lay hold! Let yourself be drawn into the arms of Jesus Christ.

Just as God loved us first, so He keeps on loving us, unchanged by the circumstances. Spurgeon was visiting a friend in the country who had built a new barn. On top was a weather vane with the Bible verse on it, "God is love," Spurgeon said to the man: "What do you mean by putting that text of Scripture on the weather vane? Do you mean that God's love is as changeable as the wind?" "Oh, no," was the reply; "I mean to say that God is love whichever way the wind blows."

Before Jesus' betrayal, He knew how all His followers would forsake Him, how one with a kiss would betray Him, and another with curses would deny Him. Yet the Bible says, "Having loved his own, which were in the world, He loved them unto the end." That love is just the same today. It will be the jewel and crowning glory of Heaven itself.

A Russian aristocrat had been sentenced to Siberia. As he stood in the ranks of that unfortunate group, a noble woman suddenly appeared and went to his side. Pushing her gently back with his hand, he said, "Go home, and live out your life while I go to Siberia."

She said, "No, I have secured permission to share your lot in Siberia."

"Wife, you don't know what you are talking about," he exclaimed. "Siberia is Hell!"

She answered, "Well, Hell will be Heaven if I can share your lot."

That was a great love. And yet its luster grows dim alongside the love of Him who loves us with an everlasting love.

Even our sinning does not change that love. God's love for use sinners is as great as His hatred for our sins. A little child told his mother that if he could say what he liked to God, it would be, "Dear God, love me when I'm naughty." We need a love that will save us just when we have proved least worthy of such a love. That is Christ's way. "I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with loving kindness I have drawn thee."

But one of the very greatest facts our text reveals is that of a

Suffering Love.

Oh, how this world needs a glimpse of the suffering God! If we are tempted to have hard thoughts about God, let us probe into our text, and see what agony God's love for sinful men cost Him. Let us remember that God's love for His Son was like a human father's deepest love for his child, if that love were carried to infinite perfection.

From a newspaper I clipped the following: "An excited man ran into office of Dr. L. G. Weed. 'Get ready,' he cried. 'An injured boy—they're carrying him here.'"

"An unconscious patient was

borne into the room. 'Place him there,' said the doctor, pointing to a table. 'And I'll—' Dr. Weed stopped speaking when he looked at the lad. It was his son, William, eight years old. He died of a broken neck as his father worked over him. He had hit a bump on his bicycle."

What is it that moves us in such a story? Is it not the tragic agony of that father's heart? And yet we can hardly compare this with the suffering God experienced in the death of His Son. No human mind will ever fathom the staggering mystery of the pain God bore to save us from our sins.

I have a first-born son who is the joy of my life. Supposing one day I were to see him arrested on false charges by enemies who had betrayed him through envy. Suppose I were to see him blindfolded, then heavy fists crushed his face and afterward he was spit upon. Then if a bramble of thorns were bent about, and forced down around that tortured brow, how would I feel? Then suppose his garments were torn from him, and he was tied helplessly, while one of his oppressors flogged his bare back with a rawhide whip, tipped with bits of steel and stone, until his strong supple body were nothing but one mass of torn, and bloody flesh. How would I feel? Then imagine that they forced him, all sick and fainting, to make his way to a final place of torture. There he was thrown down on a crude cross. A nail was driven through the right hand, and another through the left. And when the heavy hammer forced nails through the feet. And afterward I watched as the cross was stood upright, while all his enemies stood about and mocked and stared. There I see him hanging all day long under the scorching sun, agonizing and dying. How would I feel?

No Comparison to the Cross

Yet, that is not even a shadow of what the Cross was for Jesus Christ and for God the Father! God loved His only Son with a measureless, infinite love. He loved him as no human father has ever loved his son. That love was rooted in eternity, and never had been put to such a test as that of the Cross. What must it have meant to God to see His innocent Son betrayed, accused, brutally tortured? Never forget it, God saw the betrayal kiss. He saw the blindfolding and the brutal fists that fell on that unprotected face. He saw the piercing thorns mar that divine head. He saw the back of Jesus flogged into frightfulness. He saw the spikes driven through the flesh of hands and feet, one, two, three, four! He watched as they hung Him on nails, there to agonize six endless hours, dying for the sins of a world.

Who can imagine what God suffered? Why, one breath of His mouth could have swept that bloodthirsty rabble into Hell! But no, God suffered it. Why? Our text tells us that it was His love. Yes, our text takes us to the Cross, and shows us a suffering God.

That Cross speaks to my heart as nothing else in this world. I might reject a mere God of creation. The mighty God who moves the planets and orders the stars in their courses does not pull my heart out. But, oh, friend, when I see God suffering, when I see God at Calvary, I have a measure of His love for me! Who can tell me I have done wrong to give my life into the hands of such love as that?

And the love that once hung on nails for sinners, has since been building heavenly mansions for the redeemed. Said Jesus, "I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14:2).

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After reading Missionary Norman Lewis' sermon on "God So Loved..." I know that some readers ought to turn to Christ, repent of their sins which keep them away from God and accept God's loving mercy and salvation today. To reject Christ is to sin against the greatest love anyone has ever known. The least any grateful heart can do is to turn to Christ in surrender, in answering love, and in trustful acceptance of salvation. God loves you. He will save you today, this minute, if you will honestly turn to Him in your heart, depend upon Him for salvation and take Him as your own.

If you are unsaved, I beg you to open your heart to Christ today, trust Him and then sign the decision form below, copy it in a letter and mail to me, the editor of THE SWORD OF THE LORD. I will send you a letter of counsel and encouragement and let Missionary Lewis know that you have trusted Christ after reading the sermon. I beg you, decide and sign and copy and send me the word today!

Evangelist John R. Rice, Editor THE SWORD OF THE LORD 214 West Wesley Street Wheaton, Illinois

Dear Brother Rice:

I have read Missionary Norman Lewis' sermon, "God So Loved..." in THE SWORD OF THE LORD. I admit I am a poor, lost sinner, but I thank God that He loved me and gave Jesus to die for me. Here and now I turn to Christ and by faith I accept Him as my Saviour and depend upon Him to forgive my sins and save my soul. From this day forward I intend to love Christ and live for Him, and I mean this as a confession of my sincere surrender to Him and my trust in Him as my own personal Saviour beginning this day.

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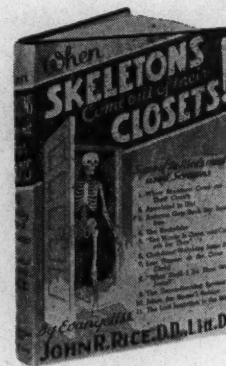
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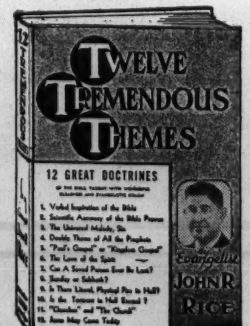
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Four Young Men Wrestled in Prayer for Revival in British Isles

This awakening in America was followed by a similar awakening, though in some respects even more remarkable, in Ireland, Scotland and England, in 1859 and 1860. The most important human factors in the origin of the wonderful work seem to have been four young men who began to meet together in the old schoolhouse in the neighborhood of Kells in the north of Ireland. Here night after night they wrestled with God in prayer. About the spring of 1858 a work of power began to manifest itself. It spread from town to town and from county to county; congregations became too large for any building, meetings were held in the open air, oftentimes attended by many thousands of people. Hundreds of persons were frequently convicted of sin in a single meeting; men were smitten down with conviction of sin while working in the field. In some places the criminal courts and jails were closed because there were no cases to try and no criminals to be incarcerated. The fruits of that wonderful work abide to this day. Many of the leading persons even in the churches of America were converted at that time in the north of Ireland. While men like Dr. Grattan Guinness and Brownlow North were greatly used at that time, the revival spread not so much through preachers as through prayer.

The wonderful work of Mr. Moody in England, Scotland and Ireland in 1873, and the years that followed, beyond a question had its origin on the manward side in prayer. His going to England at all was in answer to the importunate prayers of a bedridden saint. The first demonstration of God's power through his preaching was in a church in the north of London a year before he went to England for this work. In this meeting five hundred people definitely accepted Christ in a single night. This was the direct and immediate outcome of the prayers of this same bedridden saint. While the spirit of prayer continued, Mr. Moody went on with power, but as is always the case, in the course of time less and less was made of prayer and his work fell off perceptibly in power.

Torrey-Alexander Revival in Wales the Outcome of Prayer

The great Welsh revival in 1904 and 1905 was unquestionably the outcome of prayer. A year before the writer began his work in Cardiff, it was announced that he was going to Cardiff, and for a year prayer went up from thousands of devoted Christians that there would be not only a revival in Cardiff but throughout Wales. When we reached Cardiff we found that early morning prayer meetings had been held in Penarth, one of the suburbs of Cardiff, for months. Yet at first the work went very slowly. There were great crowds, most enthusiastic sing-

ing, but little manifestation of real convicting and regenerating power. A day of fasting and prayer was appointed. This was observed not only in Cardiff but in different parts of Wales. There came an immediate turn of the tide; the power of God fell. On that day, at a meeting held in another part of Wales by a few devoted men of God, the power of God was manifested in a most remarkable way. For a whole year after our meetings closed in Cardiff, the work went on in that city, meetings every night with a very large number of conversions. The week following the meetings in Cardiff a minister associated with the work went up into one of the valleys of Wales, and there was a mighty manifestation of the power of God with large numbers of conversions, and all over Wales the work of God continued, largely without human instruments except in the way of prayer. One hundred thousand conversions were reported in a year. Of course, not all of these proved steadfast, and doubtless there were extravagances in some places, but after making all allowance, it was one of the most remarkable works of God in modern times, and from Wales there went forth a fire from God to the uttermost parts of the earth and only eternity will reveal the glorious results of that work.

In Small Circles, Prayer Leads to Salvation of Sinners

And not only has it been demonstrated over and over again in a large way that widespread revivals are the certain outcome of intelligent and prevailing prayer, but in smaller circles the power of prayer has been demonstrated over and over again. In a very obscure village in the state of Maine, where apparently nothing was being accomplished by the churches, a few earnest Christian men got together and organized a prayer band. They selected apparently the most hopeless case in all the village and centered their prayers upon him, importuning God for his conversion. The man was a drunkard and a wreck. In a short time the man was thoroughly converted. Then the praying band centered its prayers upon another man, the second hardest case in the village, and he was converted; and so the work went on until about two hundred were converted in a single year.

In a little village in the state of Michigan, way off from the railroad, a Presbyterian and a Methodist minister united in an effort to win the unsaved to Christ. They were backed by a faithful praying band. While the Presbyterian preached and the Methodist exhorted, this praying band were in the back room crying to God for His blessing on the work. They would select individuals in the community to pray for. In some instances these men would come into the meeting the very night they were being prayed for and be converted. The work grew to be so remarkable that ministers and multitudes of the people

would drive for miles to witness the wonderful work.

The history of foreign missions abounds in illustrations of the importance and power of prayer in world-wide evangelism. All will recall "the haystack" prayer meeting and its results, and the sending out of the one hundred by the China Inland Mission in 1887.

Illustrations of this character could easily be multiplied. The history of the church demonstrates beyond a question that the most important human factor in the evangelism of the world is prayer. The great need of the present hour is prayer. In our work at home and abroad we are placing more and more dependence upon men, machinery, and methods, and less and less upon God. Evangelism at home is becoming more and more mechanical, and methods are being resorted to that are more and more revolting to all spiritually-minded people; while evangelism abroad is becoming more and more merely education and sociological. What is needed above everything else today is prayer, true prayer, prayer in the power of the Holy Ghost, and prayer that meets the conditions of prevailing prayer so plainly laid down in the Word of God.

Important Objects of Prayer in Evangelism

All that is said thus far is more or less general, but if anything practical is to be accomplished we must be specific. In what directions should we put forth prayer, if we would see that effective evangelism for which so many are longing?

First of all, we should pray for individuals. Under God's guidance we should select individuals upon whom we should center our prayers. Every minister and every Christian should have a prayer list, i. e., he should write at the top of a sheet of paper the following words (or words to the same effect): "God helping me, I will pray earnestly and work persistently for the conversion of the following persons." Then he should kneel before God and ask God definitely and in the most thoughtful earnestness and sincerity, to show him whom to put on that prayer list, and as God leads him to put different persons on that prayer list, he should write their names down. Then each day he should go to God in very definite prayer with that prayer list and cry to God in the earnestness of the Holy Spirit for the conversion of these individuals and never cease to pray for them until they are definitely converted. If there were space we could record most marvelous instances of conversion in many lands as the outcome of such prayer lists.

Second, we should pray for the individual church and community. Pray definitely for a spiritual awakening, pray that the members of the church be brought onto a higher plane of Christian living, that the church be purged from its present compromise with the world, that the members of the church be clothed upon with pow-

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er from on high and filled with a passion for the salvation of the lost. We should pray that through the church and its membership, many may be converted and that there be a genuine awakening in the church and community. Any church or community that is willing to pay the price can have a true revival. That price is not building a tabernacle and calling some widely-known evangelist and putting large sums of money into advertising and following other modern methods. These things may all be right in their place, but they are not the price of a revival. The price of a revival is honest, earnest prayer in the Holy Spirit, prayer that will not take no for an answer. Let a few people in any church or community get thoroughly right with God themselves, then let them band themselves together and cry to God for a revival until the revival comes, with a determination to pray through no matter how long it takes; then let them put themselves at God's disposal for Him to use them in any way He will, in personal work or testimony or anything else, then let them go out as God leads them, dealing in love and wisdom and persistence with the unsaved, and a genuine revival of God's work in the power of the Holy Ghost is bound to result. The writer has said substantially this around the world; time and again, the advice has been followed, and the result has always been the same, a real, effective, thoroughgoing work of God. In the church in Chicago of which he himself was pastor, during the eight years of his active pastorate there was a constant revival, and in all those eight years there was never a week without conversions. The great majority of those converted united with other churches, but the smallest number ever received into that church in any one year was 250. In the thirteen years that have elapsed since he left the active pastorate of that church, the work has continued to go on, at first under another pastor, and now for several years with no pastor at all. Many illustrations of the same thing could be given. A most notable instance is that of the Charlotte Chapel in Edinburgh under the leadership of Rev. Joseph W. Kemp.

Third, we should pray for the work in foreign lands. The history of foreign missions proves that the most important factor in effective missionary work is prayer. Men and women are needed for foreign missions, money is needed, but what is needed most of all is prayer. We should pray very definitely for God's guidance upon the secretaries and other officers of our foreign missionary boards. The problems that confront them are beyond the wisdom of any man to solve; the secretaries need wisdom from above and that wisdom is given in an-

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Dr. Bob Jones Says:

I thank God from the bottom of my heart for the privilege of knowing a few people who are well-to-do financially and who have generous hearts. These men and women sincerely desire to invest money for God when they are convinced that they are really investing for God. These well-to-do Christian people are often imposed upon by promoters that have plans that are not practical. Just recently I sat in conference with a group of men who had invested money in a certain cause that they felt was Christian and because of mismanagement, the cause blew up, and these men were very much disturbed. I sympathize with such men. When I was a young man, I invested some money that God gave me in what I considered a good cause, but it turned out to be a bad cause. I thought I was investing in orthodoxy, but I found later that my money was used to propagate modernism. I have told these people with whom I dealt that they got my money under false pretenses and that it ought to be returned so I could use it to promote the Gospel and orthodoxy. It is a sin for people to get money from Christian people under false pretenses.

While I thank God for the few wealthy Christian people I know, I praise Him more and more day by day for the ordinary, everyday Christians who do not have a great deal of money to invest in God's work but who make an honest, sincere effort to invest what they have so as to do the most good possible in this world where there is so much need. We have never had at Bob Jones University many large gifts. Our institution has been built largely by the gifts of just the ordinary, everyday, average Christian men and women. When times get hard, rich men get very panicky; but the man who looks to ordinary, everyday, struggling Christians for help can usually get a little money for God's work even in hard times. We thank the well-to-do people for their generous contributions; but from the bottom of our hearts, we want to thank you Christians who have in a sacrificial way helped us here at Bob Jones University. Sometimes people send \$10 or \$5 or maybe \$1 and say, "I am sorry I can't do any more, but I would like to have a little part in the Student Loan Endowment Fund which you are making an effort to raise." Sometimes someone will write, "I hesitate to send such a small

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Bird Life in Wington

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Mrs. Crow did not move over.

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Both of them should have known better, and I believe they did. I do not think they were ignorant, but just plain thoughtless. I refer, of course, to the Church manners of Mrs. Crow and Mrs. Bluejay.

For one thing, Mrs. Jay was usually late. And, it wasn't because she had several children to get ready, because hers were already grown. Nor was it because she had so far to fly, because she lived quite close to the church. It was just habit! At least that is what Mr. Cardinal said. He was head usher in the First Birdarian Church of Wington, and according to him, for the most part it is the same birds that are late each Sunday morning.

But, even when late, Mrs. Jay wanted to pick her own roost and always acted surprised to the point of appearing slightly offended that the best limbs were already occupied.

On the Sunday I have in mind, Mr Cardinal greeted her quietly at the door, then started down the

aisle to usher her to a seat. She followed him a few steps, then flopped down into one she spied herself. So, when Mr. Cardinal, on down the aisle, turned to indicate the seat he had selected, there was no Mrs. Jay there! Mr. Cardinal was dreadfully embarrassed, and blushed all the way down to his toes. But, of course there was nothing he could do about it, except march back to the rear of the church and hope that the next bird might not be so rude.

The seat Mrs. Jay had found appealed to her not only because it was not so far toward the front, but because it was next to Mrs. Crow. She liked to sit beside Mrs. Crow in order that they might chat with each other. Mrs. Crow was sitting next to the aisle. Of

course she did not move over. That would have been good manners, but Mrs. Crow was not concerned about that — about good manners, I mean. But she was very much concerned about keeping her corner seat. So, Mrs. Jay had to crawl over, and, as you may have guessed, she knocked Mrs. Crow's umbrella to the floor in the process.

There was quite a little commotion, but finally they were settled — that is, as settled as could be expected considering who they were. The choir was just beginning the anthem, which provided them with a wonderful opportunity to start chatting at once — almost as wonderful as the opportunity during the prelude, which they always used for chit-chat whenever they arrived that early.

"What an outrageous hat!" thought Mrs. Jay, as she glanced out of the corner of her eye at Mrs. Crow. "Reminds me of a scarecrow." But this is what she said, "I like your new hat. That corn tassel on it instead of a feather is most unusual."

"Made it myself," replied Mrs.

Crow, "which reminds me. We had the best corn fritters for breakfast. Farmer Hayseed's corn is better than ever this year, but my, that man is stingy! By the way, can you tell me who that bird is, two pews in front of us next to the aisle? When she came in she did the strangest thing—she bowed her head for a moment, just after she took her seat."

"Don't know," replied Mrs. Jay. "Must be a Piscapian. Couldn't be a Birdarian. I can't understand why my mouth is so dry," she continued, as she opened her purse. "Will you divided this piece of gum with me?"

"No, thank you," answered Mrs. Crow. "I got tired of mine before you came in and stuck it under the pew."

"Good idea," said Mrs. Jay. "I'll leave mine there too, later. We might as well give the janitor something to do around the church!"

"My goodness," said Mrs. Crow. "I wish that Mrs. Meadowlark wouldn't sing so loud. I can hardly hear a word you say!"

And, for once, Mrs. Crow had

her wish. For just at that instant there was a sudden pause in the anthem, with the result that almost half the birds in the church heard Mrs. Crow's remark, "I can hardly hear a word you say." Heads were turned, and eyes glared. Mrs. Crow looked for a hole in the floor to crawl into, but couldn't find one small enough. And Mrs. Jay's chewing gum went down with one gulp!

There was just one more line in the anthem, and I do not think either Mrs. Jay or Mrs. Crow will ever forget it. For guess what it was—"Be still, and know that I am God." I certainly hope that they have learned their lesson, and so do all the members of the First Birdarian Church who believe in reverence and worshipfulness. If they haven't there are quite a few birds who wish they would simply stay at home!

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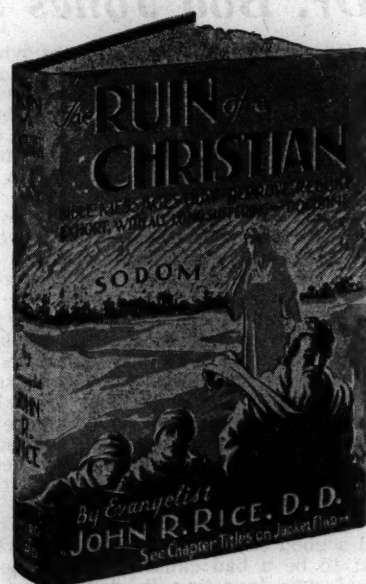
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The Place of Prayer

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wer to prayer. We should pray very definitely that laborers be thrust forth into the harvest which is so plenteous and so ripe at the present time (Matt. 9:37, 38). Not only should we pray that men and women be called into the foreign field, but we should pray for definite fields and for the definite thrusting forth of laborers into those fields. We should pray very specifically for the men and women who have gone into the field. Only one who has visited the foreign field can have any realization of how much the missionaries need our prayers. One feels when he gets to the foreign field as if the very atmosphere was taken possession of by "the prince of the power of the air." The burdens that the foreign missionary has to bear and the conflicts that he has to endure would be appalling if we did not believe in a God who answers prayer. But we have no right to leave the devoted men and women who have gone out to the foreign field to fight the battle alone. Realizing that their "wrestling is not against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world-rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual host of wickedness in the heavens," we should with all prayer and supplication pray at all seasons in the Spirit, and watch thereunto in all perseverance, that God would give to these men and women victory in their personal conflict, and power in their efforts to win men from the delusions of the false religions that eternally destroy to the truth of the gospel that eternally saves. We should pray too very definitely for the converts on the foreign fields, for their deliverance from

error and delusion and sin, and that they may become intelligent, well-balanced, strong and useful members of the body of Christ. We should pray for the churches as organizations that are formed as the outcome of missionary effort in foreign lands.

Finally, we should pray for the evangelization of the world in the present generation. The awful war now in progress emphasizes the need of prayer, especially in connection with our foreign work. The past few years have been years of marvelous opportunity in foreign missionary work. God has been calling the church as never before to the evangelism of the world, but the church as a whole has slept on and not responded to the call. Let us pray that God will give us one more opportunity. I believe He will, as dark as the present day seems. Let us pray just as earnestly that God will lead His church to improve the one more opportunity as it is given. Let us be very earnest, very persistent in our prayers. Let us determine that we will not take no for an answer, and we shall see world-wide evangelization.

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